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November 26, 2003

Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: 10,200' Zone, Reservoir B, and 10,400'

Zone, Reservoir B, Barnes Creek Field,

Allen Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Azimuth Energy, LLC to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the 10,200' Zone, Reservoir B, and the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir B, Barnes Creek Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana:

10,200' ZONE, RESERVOIR B

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil, gas and condensate from the 10,200' Zone, Reservoir B, Barnes Creek Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 10,200' Zone, Reservoir B designated as the 10,200' RB SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;

- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the Reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
- 5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the 10,200' Zone, Reservoir B.

The 10,200' Zone, Reservoir B, in the Barnes Creek Field, is hereby defined as being that oil, gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 10,154 feet and 10,622 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Azimuth Energy, LLC (Noble Energy, Inc.) - Quatre Parish 15 No. 1 Well located in Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Allen Parish, Louisiana.

10,400' ZONE, RESERVOIR B

- 1. To dissolve the 10,400' RA SUB created by Office of Conservation Order No. 1228-E-1, and simultaneously therewith, to establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil, gas and condensate from the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the 10,400' RB SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto, such unit having exterior boundaries identical to the boundaries of the 10,400' RA SUB created by Office of Conservation Order No. 1228-E-1;
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 3. To designate Azimuth Energy, LLC as the unit operator for the proposed unit;
- 4. To designate the Azimuth Energy, LLC (Noble Energy, Inc.) Quatre Parish 15 No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;

- 5. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the Reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation:
- 6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir B.

The 10,400' Zone, Reservoir B, in the Barnes Creek Field, is hereby defined as being that oil, gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 10,622 feet and 11,130 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Azimuth Energy, LLC (Noble Energy, Inc.) - Quatre Parish 15 No. 1 Well located in Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Allen Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it WILL NOT BE HELD.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Barnes Creek Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Barnes Creek Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this application may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the proposed 10,200' RB SUA, and the proposed 10,400' RB SUA in the Barnes Creek Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana. These plats were attached to the copy of the pre-application notice previously sent, and thus, in accordance with the Commissioner's Rules of Procedure, they are enclosed **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses

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of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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James C. Bates

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cc:

Mr. Richard Hudson District Manager Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties



